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Lebanon

Military Situation -- Israeli air raids and artillery bombardments killed 108 people and injured 187 others in west Beirut, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. The Palestinians responded by firing missiles at the Christian eastern area, killing 7 and wounding 30, the radio said. Lebanese Front Military Commander Bashir al-Jumayyil said his forces would not respond to the shelling, the radio noted.

The clandestine Voice of Palestine radio said 84 people were killed and 142 were wounded when Israeli planes rocketed a building in the Ar-Rawshah area. The raids also inflicted losses on the Palestinians and Syrians in the racecourse area, the Voice of Lebanon reported. Jerusalem radio said the air attacks were of "unprecedented intensity." In remarks broadcast by the radio, Israeli Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon claimed that Israel's aerial activity in Beirut is directed only against military targets.

Israeli planes bombed Beirut again early on 28 July, according to the Voice of Palestine.

In other developments, Jerusalem radio said the IDF has recently captured 200 "terrorists" in southern Lebanon. The Voice of Palestine said six IDF soldiers were killed and nine were wounded on 26 July when an Israeli patrol hit mines planted by a Palestinian guerrilla group.

U.S. Delegations in Israel -- U.S. envoy Philip Habib met for over 2 hours with Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and requested more time for political contacts especially since, according to Habib, progress has been made in the negotiations, Jerusalem television reported. Habib reportedly told Begin about his talks in Damascus, Cairo and London and outlined U.S. proposals. Earlier, Habib met with Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir and, according to IDF radio, he said progress had been made in talks for solving the Beirut and Lebanon problems. According to Jerusalem television, Habib also told Shamir that he has the "key" to solving the Lebanese crisis.

In a meeting with a U.S. congressional delegation led by Paul McCloskey, Shamir said the PLO had not changed its character and for the PLO, violence is strategic, not tactical, IDF radio reported.

PLO Position -- PLO Information Office official Mahmud al-Labadi expressed regret that the U.S. administration has not accepted the "olive branch" presented by PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat in his recently announced acceptance of all UN resolutions pertaining to the Palestinian issue, Beirut radio reported. However, PLO officials Khalil al-Wazir and Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh both said the document signed by 'Arafat on 25 July does not alter PLO policy and contains nothing new, according to KUNA reports. Speaking at a Kuwait press conference, 'Abd Rabbuh also stressed that the PLO rejects "American-Israeli conditions" for withdrawal from Beirut and reiterated the PLO's demand for an Israeli withdrawal and the deployment of UN forces before the Palestinians discuss their own military and political presence in Lebanon with the Lebanese Government. Asserting that the basic issue is not the PLO's withdrawal from Beirut but the withdrawal of the IDF from the environs of the city, 'Abd Rabbuh said the PLO is preparing for a long battle both at the front and behind Israeli lines.

Reacting to Libyan criticisms of the PLO leadership, the Voice of Palestine radio said Libya "has contributed nothing worth mentioning" to the battle in Lebanon. A joint forces commentary broadcast by the radio criticized Arabs, Muslims and the world as a whole for

failing to protest the ceaseless Israeli bombing of Beirut. Yasir 'Arafat sent urgent messages on the Beirut crisis to the Soviet, Cuban, French and Saudi leaders, according to VOP.

Withdrawal Destination -- Sources close to the PLO revealed that Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia have agreed to take some PLO fighters, according to Voice of Lebanon radio. Informed Jordanian sources have said Jordan is willing to receive Palestinians who hold Jordanian passports and have no security records, the radio reported. According to MENA, an Egyptian official denied an Israeli report that Egypt has agreed to receive 3,000 Palestinians.

ADF Mandate Expiry -- The Arab Deterrent Forces' mandate in Lebanon expired without the Arab League deciding to renew or cancel the mandate, Beirut radio reported.

Israel

The Qalqilyah Municipal Council was dismissed by the Judaea and Samaria civilian administration on 26 July after it had been on a 3-month protest strike, ITIM reported, adding that the council was replaced by an ad hoc committee.

Iran-Iraq War

Military Situation -- Iraqi Armed Forces continued to hit enemy positions east of Basra, killing six and destroying Iranian equipment, an Iraqi Armed Forces communique carried by Baghdad radio reported. An Iranian military communique carried by Tehran radio said that firing continued in the Ramadan Operation area and that "telling blows" prevented the movement of Iraqi units.

Saudi-Iraqi Cooperation -- Arab sources cited by JANA claimed that Saudi Arabia has reached a detailed agreement with Iraq on developing joint military cooperation against Iran.

Iran

Algiers Agreement Violations -- Iran will go to the International Court of Justice at The Hague to present specific U.S. violations of the Algiers declaration, IRNA reported citing remarks made by the Iranian head of the international law services to the paper KEYHAN. He said the violations included frozen Iranian assets in U.S. banks, nondelivery of commodities to Iran and refusal to hand over the shah's family possessions in the United States.

Security Situation -- Revolution guards arrested 39 members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq together with a large amount of arms and ammunition in a Tehran suburb, Tehran radio reported.

OAU Conference

The OAU foreign ministers meeting scheduled to begin in Tripoli on 27 July was canceled due to the lack of a quorum, the chairman of the OAU Ministerial Coucnil said, according to Rabat radio. However, according to JANA, the chairman of the council said the meeting was postponed because some delegations were delayed in arriving. On 26 July, JANA cited sources who claimed that the Saharan Republic had not been invited to the OAU meetings.

According to a Libyan delegation spokesman cited by AFP late on 27 July, the OAU ministers meeting will begin on 28 July and the OAU summit conference will go ahead as planned.

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PDPA PLENUM ON 'IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS' HELD

LD271406 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1130 GMT 27 Jul 82

[Text] The Ninth PDPA Central Committee Plenum on ideological matters and strengthening political work among the masses was held this morning at the Delkosha Palace of the Revolution Council headquarters.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reported from the plenum proceedings that Babrak Karmal, PDPA Central Committee general secretary and chairman of the DRA Revolution Council Presidium, arrived at 0900 this morning in the meeting hall and waswelcomed warmly with continuous applause by the meeting participants. Afterwards Babrak Karmal officially opened the plenum's work.

At the start of the plenum's work, Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray, Politburo member and PDPA Central Committee secretary, chaired the meeting and, after putting the agenda and procedure of the plenum's work to a vote, which was approved unanimously, asked Babrak Karmal to deliver the basic statement of the Ninth PDPA Central Committee Plenum in relation to ideological matters and strengthening of political work among the masses.

The BAKHTAR correspondent added that when Babrak Karmal delivered the basic statement, the plenum participants welcomed and approved each part of it.

At the second stage of the plenum's work, chaired by Nur Ahmad Nur, Politburo member and PDPA Central Committee secretary, (?six) full and candidate members of the Central Committee and Council of Ministers delivered speeches concerning the basic statement of the plenum and firmly approved it.

At the end of the speeches, the Ninth PDPA Central Committee Plenum draft resolution, the text of which was previously distributed to participants in the plenum's work, was put to a vote and unanimously approved.

Resolution Adopted

LD280634 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0433 GMT 28 Jul 82

[Text] Kabul, July 27, BAKHTAR -- The 9th extended Plenum of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan was held here today to discuss the ideological questions and issues related to the strengthening of the political work among the masses at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council.

The plenum was held in two sessions, the first being presided over by Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray. The main speech of the plenum was delivered by Babrak Karmal in the 1st session which was enthusiastically welcomed by all the participants of the plenum.

The second session of the plenum was presided over by Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the Politburo and secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA CC. In this portion of the plenum six members and alternate members of the Central Committee of the PDPA and Council of Ministers of the DRA decisively endorsed the contents of the main speech delivered by Babrak Karmal.

Later, the plenum adopted a resolution which reads in part:

"The main content of political work amongst the masses is constituted by propaganda, extension and explaining in greater depth the policies of the party and the state of the DRA, the essence of military, economic, social and cultural measures, and the documents of country-wide party conference, exposing anti-people activity, slanders and false allegations and the hostile propaganda of the enemy."

"The political activity of the party amongst the masses must be inseparably linked with consistent and constant carrying out of socio-economic transformations in the interests of the masses.

'The most important condition of intensifying political work among the masses is the strengthening of the party and the raising of the impact of its activity. This reflects the consolidation of the organic ideological organisational unity of the PDPA, ensuring the correspondence inseparable connection between organisational and political work of the party increasing the efficacy of the leading role of the party in the state and society." [sentence as received]

"The plenum stresses that the subsequent deepening and expansion of the political work among the masses, drawing the fullfledged and probation party members to actively participate in this work, elimination of shortcomings and drawbacks helps the masses to have a profound understanding of the objectives of the party and the state and raises the authority of the party as the political vanguard of the working class and all the working people of Afghanistan."

"The party organisation and party committees must strengthen decisively their political work among the masses and the link with them."

"The characteristics of the mass political work being specific, fruitful and agitational must be consistently strengthened. All political activity of the party organisation among the masses must be focussed on the ever further growth of the activity of the people in the defence of the gains of the revolution, the construction of the new society in Afghanistan, and the rallying of the masses around the PDPA and its Central Committee."

"The methods of work already tested must be perfected. New practical ways for training the masses politically must be searched so that the ground is paved for establishing an effective contact with all the strata of the people and with each citizen of the DRA."

"In the process of political work among the masses, party and social organisations and ideological institutions must take into account the typical features of various strata and social groups of the people and must adopt a concrete and variegated approach towards them."

"The declared principle of the PDPA and the Government of the DRA as regards the holy religion of Islam, customs and traditions of the people, historical and cultural values of the nationalities and tribes of Afghanistan must be consistently observed."

"The role and significance of social and mass organizations of the DRA, the National Fatherland Front, Trade Unions of Peasants Cooperatives, Democratic Youth Organisation of Afghanistan, Democratic Organisation of Afghanistan's Women and other organisations must be raised. The political training of their members in the spirit of sacrifice and devotion to the ideals of April Revolution must be intensified."

"Each social organisation must constantly strengthen its ranks, deepen in the masses the spirit of military and love for work and inculcate in them the criteria of progressive morality. These organisations must encourage the spirit of preparedness for defense of revolution and the inclination and interest towards acquiring knowledge and culture."

"The plenum firmly believes that the party organisations will carry out militant, purposeful organizational work and political work for the implementation of this resolution and will ensure the raising of the quality and efficacy of political work among the masses, successful tackling of the task of the construction of a new society in the DRA, and defence of the revolutionary gains of the people of Afghanistan."

In addition to the members and alternate members of the PDPA CC, the deputy heads of the departments of the Central Committee, secretaries of the provincial committees, administrators of zones, officials of propaganda, extension, education of the Political Affairs Department of the armed forces and social organisations, heads of press organs and media and a number of other party comrades were also invited to attend the plenum.

COMMERCE MINISTER COMMENTS ON FOREIGN TRADE

AU232038 Bratislava PRAVDA in Slovak 22 Jul 82 p 6

[Article by Kabul correspondent Dusan Brabec: "Trade -- the Sap of Life"]

[Summary] Afghan Minister of Commerce Mohammad Khan Jalalar has stressed at many sessions of the Afghan Revolution Council the important role of foreign trade in the development of the country's economy. That is why the people's revolutionary party of Afghanistan and the government are paying special attention to the fulfillment of the program of the country's commercial activity.

"This year the value of the country's exports will amount to $690.36 million, compared with last year's $671.1 million. The value of natural gas exports alone will be more than $300 million, against last year's revenues of $268.27 million. Other important export articles are cotton, wool, hides, fresh and dried fruit, carpets, woolen fabric, pharmaceutical herbs and chemical fertilizer. This year's exports of this merchandise will amount to $345.7 million. The remaining $44.66 million worth of exports are made up of crude oil exports. In the years to come crude oil exports will multiply on the basis of expanded extraction.

"The Afghan Government, being aware of the ups and downs and the unreliability of the free capitalist market, favors long-term agreements in foreign trade. A total of 63 percent of this year's export turnover is based on such agreements. The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is interested in conducting trade with all countries but, as Minister M. Jalalar stressed, it will give preference to mutually advantageous conditions. Such conditions are offered, above all, by the socialist countries. This year's exports to the country of the northern neighbor, the Soviet Union, for example, will amount to $410.74 million, which is 59 percent of Afghanistan's total exports.

"This year's structure of exports is as follows: The state sector accounts for 51 percent, the private sector for 41 percent and the mixed sector for 8 percent.

"Compared with the last 2 years, there will be a slight reduction in trade with capitalist countries. Minister Jalalar explains this fact by saying that the socialist countries offer more favorable conditions during trade exchange negotiations. Aside from this, they can always be relied on and there are better conditions for the transportation and transit of their merchandise. Finally, some Western firms, American, West German and British, have canceled previous agreements and commitments for political reasons. However, Afghanistan is succeeding in overcoming such artificial obstructions by developing trade relations with Third World countries, especially in Latin America, Africa and South Asia.

The government supports both the state and the private sector. Several export companies representing the interests of private enterpreneurs have been set up. Czechoslovakia is maintaining a busy trade with one such mixed company, Spinzar, which specializes in cotton exports. Private enterpreneurs are thus finding their place in state-run trade.

GENERAL APPEALS TO YOUTH TO JOIN ARMED FORCES

LD272028 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Jul 82

["Appeal" by Brig Gen 'Abdol Ghafur, deputy chief of the General Staff of the DRA Armed Forces, on 27 July in Kabul -- live or recorded]

[Text] Very dear and noble compatriots: The glorious April Revolution, which was a turning point in the history of Afghanistan, put an end to various forms of oppression and brutalities and embarked on a course to safeguard the sovereignty of the workers of Afghanistan.

The exploiters, however, do not want to lose their privileged positions and thus knowingly and willingly embark, in vain, on resistance.

The overthrown classes, with the help of regional reactionaries and international imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism and Chinese hegemonism, have unleashed an undeclared war against the revolution and the DRA Government. The heroic Armed Forces of Afghanistan, however, with the cooperation of the working masses, have crushed their attempts and courageously continue to seek to exterminate them. These agents of the dollar and the kaldars [Pakistani currency] commit and have committed unforgivable crimes against our noble people during the last 4 years.

The DRA Armed Forces, because of their popular and [word indistinct] character, as the guardians of the interests of the workers, defend the gains of the April Revolution, national independence, territorial integrity and national sovereignty; they are displaying great self-sacrifices in their relentless struggle against the enemies, struggle in which hundreds of officers and men have been honored for their heroism and sacrifices.

Every patriotic individual and every youth whose heart beats for the prosperity of the people and for the well-being of the homeland, (?should know) that the PDPA, the DRA and all the workers of Afghanistan ask them to pick up arms and cleanse as soon as possible the sacred homeland of unclean and treacherous elements and to safeguard the peace and security of our noble compatriots. The fathers and mothers who have lost their dear ones in the course of defending the revolution; the pure souls of heroic martyrs who have sacrificed their precious lives for the well-being and the bright and prosperous future of this homeland, demand that you follow their path. Continue the fight until the last bands of counterrevolutionaries are exterminated. Thousands of patriotic youths, in order to realize the aspirations of the working people of this land, have accepted the honor of service and voluntarily join the armed forces, thus paying their debt to their homeland. Others offer to continue to serve heroically in the armed forces of which the PDPA, the DRA and the masses of workers of Afghanistan are proud.

The PDPA Central Committee and the DRA Government pay continuous and profound attention to the strengthening and consolidation of the armed forces and have transformed them into a reliable force to protect the interests of the workers. The government, in consolidating and strengthening the armed forces and the sarandoy, is paying due attention to inculcating the men with spirit of patriotism and the love of homeland, with sincerity and loyalty to the aspirations of the April Revolution, with solidarity with all the workers. The (?consolidation) of the armed forces and intensification of the struggle against the counterrevolutionary elements is a vital and necessary matter. At the present all patriotic forces of the country, in particular our heroic armed forces, resolutely defend the revolution and strengthen the defense capability of the country. The counterrevolution cannot resist against our heroic armed forces. The DRA Armed Forces have crushed the attempts of the counterrevolutionaries under the most difficult conditions and have earned for themselves unforgettable honors.

(?In order) to successfully carry out their tasks, the armed forces and the security organs should be strengthened and consolidated in their struggle against the counterrevolutionaries. The enemy has been weakened and has suffered shattering blows at the hands of our heroic armed forces throughout the country. Their strong fortresses in Panjsher, Paghman, Samangan, Qandahar and other areas suffered decisive defeats and they should never again be given the opportunity to perpetrate intrigue and conspiracy against our working people and disrupt their peaceful lives.

Dear and noble compatriots, courageous and patriotic youths, say welcome to the call of your working people; add to the honor and pride of your fathers and forefathers; fight until the final extermination of all counterrevolutionary remnants. The proud history of the past generations of Afghanistan shows that victory belongs to the people.

Victory to our heroic armed forces, the proud defenders of the gains of the April Revolution! Thank you.

REBELS ATTACK SOVIET, GOVERNMENT TROOPS

GF270759 Karachi JASARAT in Urdu 21 Jul 82 p 8

[Text] London, 20 Jul (AAP) -- Some 80 Soviet and Karmal soldiers were killed or wounded when a truck carrying ammunition travelling in a convoy exploded near the village of Nawbahar in Farah Province. According to the report, the mujahidin attacked the convoy from the rear on 25 July with rocket launchers. The truck carrying ammunition was hit and exploded, destroying three other trucks carrying soldiers, which included the crew of a 76-mm gun. The mujahidin returned to their hiding place after this swift action, which lasted only a few minutes.

The next day, on 21 July, the mujahidin, led by Commander Mohammad Aslam, surrounded a group of Soviet soldiers at a point near Koh-i-Nur and set fire to trucks parked behind a tank park. It was night and the mujahidin made good their escape in the darkness after a brief exchange of fire with the Soviet guards. In this exchange, five mujahidin were killed and eight wounded. Soviet casualties are not known. However, seven Soviet trucks were destroyed in the action.

During a recent raid at Ghazni the mujahidin killed 35 workers of the Khalq faction and captured 70. The mujahidin also destroyed 2 tanks and captured 2 mortars along with 130 rifles.

During an attack on Baghram checkpost on the Kabul-Parvan highway, the mujahidin killed 26 Karmal soldiers and damaged this important checkpoint with rocket launchers. Nine soldiers were killed when part of the building fell on them. Another 17 soldiers received wounds when fighting the raiders. The mujahidin captured one antiaircraft gun and six Kalashinikov rifles.

In Farah Province, several villages have been destroyed by Soviet bombing. According to reports, 2 days prior to the bombing the mujahidin had attacked government agents sent to confiscate wheat from the farmers. The mujahidin killed 185 Karmal soldiers accompanying the agents and destroyed four trucks and one Soviet tank. The Soviets later bombed the villages of Tappeh-ye Shiran Ganjkin, and Mad in retaliation.

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DELEGATION TO MEXICO -- Kabul, July 24, BAKHTAR -- An Afghan delegation led by Dr. Sayyed Ahmad, first deputy minister of education of the DRA, left here for Mexico yesterday. The delegation will participate in the world conference on cultural policies to be held in that country under the auspices of UNESCO. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 25 Jul 82 LD]

RATEBZAD RETURNS FROM CONGO -- Kabul, July 24, BAKHTAR -- Dr. Anahita Ratebzad, member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and president of Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organisation of the DRA returned home today. She led an Afghan delegation to the first session of the committee of Presidium of Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization women held in Brazzaville, capital of People's Republic of Congo. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0417 GMT 25 Jul 82 LD]

MEDIA COOPERATION AGREEMENT -- A cooperation agreement on exchange of news and photographs and a work protocol were concluded and signed on 4 July in Kabul between BAKHTAR information agency of the DRA and ORBIS Press Agency of the CSSR. The agreement and protocol were signed by the heads of the BAKHTAR and ORBIS agencies and documents were exchanged. According to this agreement cooperation between the DRA and CSSR concerning the exchange of news and publications for the information of the peoples of the two countries regarding their life, work and development (?would be exchanged). [Text] [Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 5 Jul 82 LD]

GANDHI GREETS PAKISTANI, SOVIET, AFGHAN LEADERS

BK271620 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Jul 82

[Text] Overflying Pakistan, Afghanistan, the Soviet Union and some other countries today, Mrs Gandhi sent her greetings and good wishes to them. Expressing warm greetings to President Ziaul Haq of Pakistan, she said: Friendly relations and cooperation are in the interest of both the countries.

In a message to President Brezhnev and Prime Minister Tikhonov of the Soviet Union, Mrs Gandhi said she is looking forward to meeting them in September. Describing Indo-Soviet friendship as many-sided and time-tested, Mrs Gandhi said it is a positive factor for peace and international cooperation. Our mutually beneficial cooperation must continue to gain strength.

The prime minister also sent a message to President Babrak Karmal of Afghanistan in which she recalled the historic friendship between the two countries. She said India looks forward to continue cooperation with Afghanistan and wishes its people prosperity and well-being.

Mrs Gandhi also sent similar message to heads of Government of Denmark, West Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden.

AIR CHIEF RETURNS FROM GDR, HUNGARY TOUR

BK231439 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 23 Jul 82

[Text] Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Dilbagh Singh has returned to New Delhi after an 11-day official visit to the German Democratic Republic and Hungary. He visited the training and operational units of the air forces of the two countries. Air Chief Marshal Dilbagh Singh called on the defense ministers of the GDR and Hungary and held discussions with high-ranking air force officers.

TREATMENT OF INDIAN DETAINEES IN PAKISTAN SCORED

BK270414 Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English 23 Jul 82 p 7

[Editorial: "Prisoners of Fate"]

[Text] The fate of the 10 Indians released from Pakistan prisons will give a glimpse to the people of this country of the kind of treatment to be expected when rule of law is not mandatory. All the ten were picked up by Pakistani authorities by chance for allegedly straying into Pakistan territory, though some of them insist that they were well within Indian territory. Then they were put into prison, accused verbally of espionage, beaten, tortured and left to languish. No one thought of getting a court order for their internment. Probably this is not mandatory in Pakistan. Nor were the Indian Government and their relatives informed. Some of them tried to get in touch with their relatives, and one of them had the intelligence to write to Amnesty International. Indeed, it was this which probably secured their release.

Apart from giving Indians a feel of authoritarianism, it should be a lesson to those who raise slogans of "authoritarianism" in this country. Now that they know, from the experience of these unfortunate ten, what authoritarianism is like, they should realise how wrong they have been all along. If they learn the lesson, they will perhaps correct the distortion in their vision. For these ten are not the only Indians so treated in Pakistan. Most of them are positive that there are hundreds more, one figure mentioned being 352. Some of the released prioners seem to know of several Indians who have died in Pakistan prisons. Others seem to know of at least two who have been sentenced to death. India should now think how she can save the unfortunate people who have inadvertently fallen into the hands of Pakistan. Another task to be tackled simultaneously is how to save more Indians from falling into the hands of Pakistani authorities even by accident.

HAQ CALLS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PRESS LAWS

GF272023 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 18 Jul 82 p 1

[Text] Karachi, July 17 -- President Ziaul Haq has instructed the Federal Ministry of Information to consider evolving alternative system of the press and publications ordinance.

This was stated by the federal information secretary, Lt. Gen. Mujibur Rahman Khan, in an informal talk with newsmen at an iftar-cum-dinner party hosted by him today.

He said that before 1979 such scheme was prepared and later dropped. Under the fresh instruction of the president, the alternative system should be credible and positive. He added that press would be consulted before taking any decision in this respect.

Gen. Mujib said that press-government relationship was excellent and despite criticism of the government in the press, the press and publications ordinance had not been invoked.

Replying to a question, the federal secretary said that government would not adopt any system of government in the country against the aspirations of the people. He firmly said that government had no intention of imposing anything on the people.

He told a questioner that the emphasis laid by the government on the projection of national identity had yielded good results. He said that mass participation in the independence day celebrations last year amply demonstrated that people had immense love for the country and were ever ready to sacrifice anything to preserve their hard earned freedom. He said that media could play an effective role in projecting national identity.

Gen. Mujib said that people now openly talked about Islam and took pride in their culture and traditions.

About the achievements of the present government, the information secretary said that Pakistan was now a stable country in the region. It has achieved self-sufficiency in foodgrains. The dignity and honour of the people were safe.

To another question, Gen. Mujib said the mass media should not play up the attack on the ideology and the basic foundation of Pakistan. -- APP

DEFENSE MINISTER ON EFFORTS TO AID PALESTINIANS

BK260836 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 26 Jul 82

[Text] Defense Minister Mir Ali Ahmad Khan Talpur has said that Pakistan is making every possible effort to provide assistance to the Palestinians. In an interview with Pakistan Press International in Karachi today, he said that the people and the Government of Pakistan are deeply concerned at the situation arising out of Israel's barbaric aggression in Lebanon. Paying tribute to the valiant struggle of the Palestinians, he said that the courage and determination demonstrated by the Palestinians despite their hardships is unprecedented.

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BALUCHISTAN WHEAT -- Lahore, July 10 -- Wheat production in Baluchistan has exceeded the estimates for the year and the Pakistan Agricultural Storage and Services Corporation (PASSCO) has so far procured 21,000 tonnes of wheat against the target of 20,000 tonnes. Supply of wheat is still going on and according to a source the PASSCO will procure each grain supplied to it. As for Punjab, the PASSCO has procured 6.5 lakh tonnes of wheat against a target of 9.5 lakh tonnes. [Excerpt] [Karachi DAWN in English 11 Jul 82 p 4 GF]

U.S. 'VIOLATIONS' TO BE PRESENTED TO HAGUE COURT

LD272058 Tehran IRNA in English 1942 GMT 27 Jul 82

[Text] Tehran, July 27, IRNA -- Iran has detected more than 20 cases in which the U.S. has violated the Algerian declaration, said D. Mohammadi, the international law services head and official responsible for the implementation of Algerian declaration, today.

Dr. Mohammadi, who was speaking to the daily KEYHAN, said the role and responsibilities of the Algerian Government in enacting the terms of the declaration had not ended yet.

Citing some specific violations by the U.S. Mohammadi said the U.S. had not freed all Iranian assets in U.S. banks, amounting to some two billion dollars.

In addition he added that many commodities bought by Iran from the U.S. had not been delivered to Iran as provided for in the declaration. Also, Mohammadi went on, the U.S. Government had refused to sequester possessions of the defunct shah's family in the U.S.

In conclusion he said Iran would soon present to the world court at The Hague the specific violations of the U.S. and would take pertinent measures if the U.S. declined to abide by the declaration.

VELAYATI BRIEFS KHOMEYNI ON FOREIGN MINISTRY

LD271220 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Jul 82

[Text] Minister of Foreign Affairs 'Ali Akbar Velayati was received this morning by Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and briefed the imam on the country's political affairs.

In an interview with our correspondent after this meeting, Mr Velayati said: A report on the Foreign Ministry's activities during the past 6 months in different political, economic, international, administrative, cultural and legal fields was submitted to the nation's imam at this meeting. In addition, the ministry's activities in reconstructing and recruiting new personnel for our embassies, our activities in publicizing Islamic culture and the work of economic, political and cultural delegations sent abroad and those invited to Iran from abroad were brought to the attention of the Islamic revolution's great leader.

TEHRAN DERIDES BEGIN'S 'DELIRIUM,' THREATS

GF271457 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 25 Jul 82

[Unattributed commentary: "Over Begin's Delirium and Threats"]

[Excerpts] Dear listeners: The marking of Jerusalem Day by the world Muslims in an unprecedented way, the marches organized by Muslims in countries under captivity and the anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist slogans chanted during the ceremonies -- slogans which have reflected the wish of the Islamic world to liberate Jerusalem -- have brought such an awe to the heads of infidel systems in the world that they have felt compelled to admit the power of the Iranian Islamic revolution -- a move conflicting with the general outlines of their propaganda. In fact, they have admitted that the Iranian Islamic revolution is the most serious threat to the existence of the Zionist regime and to the interests of international oppressors in the Middle East.

It will be recalled that immediately after the Jerusalem Day ceremonies, the [words indistinct] and experienced terrorist Menahem Begin resorted to threats while making a statement in Tel Aviv.

This state of affairs has brought the fact to light that the Zionists are fully aware of the depth of the slogans chanted by the Muslims and of the serious stand of the Islamic front. It also proves that the Zionists are no longer capable of maintaining their hypocrisy.

Yes, for the first time in the course of the history of the exploitationist policy adopted by the superpowers, the Muslims -- on a given day and for the achievement of a given objective -- chanted in unity the slogans: "God is great" and "Jerusalem must be liberated." Jerusalem Day was one that witnessed a magnificent demonstration of strength by one billion Muslims -- Muslims who are governed by political systems and who have different languages and cultures. It was a day of unity for all Muslims for the salvation of Islam and Jerusalem. It is because of all the abovementioned facts that Begin is unable to continue discharging his inimical task against the Iranian Islamic revolution. Consequently, crying out loud with satanic rage, he has threatened that if the religious leader of Iran chooses to organize a march toward Jerusalem, his military units will be destroyed halfway to their goal. With a view to concealing his fear and inspiring hope in his supporters, Begin went on to say: The Iranian troops will be destroyed by Israel's armored units and air force before they attain the halfway mark to Jerusalem, or even if they manage to cover the whole route. A few will be allowed to return to Iran so that they can recount their ordeal for others.

It appears that, overwhelmed by savage feelings, Begin has begun to talk in a state of delirium. However, we have to make the following remark: Two years ago, your close friend Saddam made similar remarks. In fact, he tried to put what he said into effect. You will only witness the fall of the infidel Saddam and the Zionist Iraqi Ba'thist Party. Meanwhile, othe s will witness the fall of your state and the destruction of your racist and Zionist views.

Yes, this is your unavoidable fate. Actually, it is the historic duty of world Muslims to put an end to your existence. If there is any factor that can delay the defeat awaiting you and your friend, there is nothing that can change the movement aimed at achieving liberation. In fact, the first phase of the world Muslims' unavoidable task is securing the downfall of Saddam, who is your ally. The second phase of this task is to liberate Jerusalem.

The question is: Do Begin and Saddam understand these facts?

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 995

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[Communique No 995 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] The self-sacrificing heroes of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, with their unceasing efforts on all the battlefronts, are bravely smashing the positions, trenches and armored vehicles of the Saddamist forces and are thereby a cause of pride for Islam, the Islamic homeland and for themselves. In the wake of the praiseworthy victories scored by the epic-making combatants and the fighting and vanguard heroes of the revolution army during the great Ramadan Operation, the defenders of the Islamic revolution continue their activities forcefully and vigilantly. The aim is to achieve their divine goals for the defense of Iran's Islamic homeland and, maintaining their superiority and domination over the Zionist, Ba'thist mercenaries of Saddam's army, they are continuing their tasks.

During the past 24 hours, exchange of fire continued in the Ramadan Operation zone and our proud combatants, with artillery and mortar fire, inflicted further telling blows on Saddam's moribund army, prevented all movement by Iraqi units and disrupted movement and traffic by enemy vehicles.

Yesterday an exchange of fire continued between our forces and Iraqi servicemen in the Abadan region and as a result enemy movement and activity on the opposite bank of the Shatt al-'Arab was neutralised and a number of Ba'thist servicemen were killed.

Yesterday the city of Abadan came under heavy- and long-range weapon fire by the Saddamist army and as a result of hits by enemy mortar shells six houses were destroyed. Yesterday we suffered three of our people martyred and 35 wounded in that area. In the operational zones in the western parts of our country clashes also took place in the form of a desultory exchange of fire, the intensity of which was greater in the Meymak region. On the country's western fronts our combatants fired on assembly points, supply axes and fortifications of the Iraqi forces, stopped the enemy's ground activities and silenced their fire. Operations for the detection and defusing of minefields on the country's western fronts are continuing.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

MINISTERS WELCOME RESIDENTS BACK TO SUSANGERD

LD232232 Tehran IRNA in English 1958 GMT 23 Jul 82

[Text] Susangerd, July 23 IRNA -- After the 23 month struggles of the Islamic combatants to expel the Iraqi forces from the south of Iran the residents of Susangerd were able to return to their homes and hold 'Id al-Fitr prayers.

The Susangerd residents on returning to their homes were welcomed there by Nateq-Nuri, the interior minister, Dr Manafi, the minister of health, Dr Banki, the head of the Plan and Budget Organisation, the governor general of Khuzestan and some of the ulema of the region.

Nateq-Nuri in this ceremony said the Islamic combatants triumphed despite all the economic boycotts of the superpowers against the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also referred to the resistance of the Iranian Muslim people against the aggression of the Iraqi regime.

The interior minister condemned the inattention and biased attitude of the Non-aligned Movement and the Security Council towards the imposed Iraqi war. He added that the war with Iraq would ultimately expose the hypocritical nature of the Iraqi regime just as the hypocrisy of the Mojahedin-e Khalq terrorists inside the country was revealed.

After 22 months of homelessness Susangerd's residents were moved to tears of joy on being able to return home. The people were already busily beginning the rehabilitation of the devastated areas of their city.

NEW WELFARE MINISTRY SUPERVISOR APPOINTED

LD251150 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 Jul 82

[Text] The Central News Unit report that Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi issued an order appointing Mr Abolfazi Ejareh-Dar as the new supervisor of the State Ministry in Charge of the Welfare Organization. He was formerly an acting minister without portfolio and the parliamentary representative at the State Ministry in Charge of the Welfare Organization.

KEYHAN ON SURRENDER OF SANANDAJ OPPOSITIONISTS

GF271606 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 8 Jul 82 p 19

[Text] Sanandaj, IRNA: Twenty-eight members of Komeleh, Democrat, and Peykar organizations surrendered themselves to the guards in Sanandaj and asked for mercy. Six of these members surrendered right after the purge in the (Ta, Masan, and Sarchi) villages of Sanandaj area.

KEYHAN STRESSES NEED FOR SECURITY ORGANIZATION

GF271601 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 6 Jul 82 p 1

[Editorial by Seyyed Hoseyn Teheri: "In Order To Destroy Terrorism"]

[Excerpts] This prologue is in connection with the dastardly assassination of the martyr Ayatollah Sadduqi. Considering various matters, such as the repeat in the style of the assassination -- Brother Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani also mentioned this -- the U.S. forces opportunistic attacks in order to deal internal blows, and considering the decisive actions of the Islamic Republic against the Ba'thist Iraqi regime and the Zionist aggression and such things, the required coordination and the subsequent carrying out of duties and responsibilities are not evident. [sentence as published]

We see that a small amount of disagreement and lack of coordination can allow the counter-revolutionaries the opportunity to carry out their treacherous and inauspicious plots. As Brother Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: It is possible to stop these assassination plots. It is certain that had actions been taken on the basis of past events and the assassinations of great and faithful human beings like martyr Madani, Hasheminezhad and Dastgheyb as lessons in awareness and a dam against these types of recognized plots, this calamitous event would not have occurred. Since we believe in our responsibilities and the carrying out of our duties in terms of our beliefs and abilities and since the smallest shortcoming in this respect will result in bitter and unpleasant events, we consider it necessary to pay attention to awareness and a duty to fight counterrevolutionary forces.

For the sake of awareness and information, there is an urgent need for an information organization. This organization will be able to close the way for the internal agents of imperialism and Zionism with its activities and stop such aggressions so that the achievements of the revolution do not become toys in these inauspicious hands. In terms of carrying out duties and the sense of responsibility, the brother guards have already proved themselves and have shown their responsibility toward the maintenance of the values of the Islamic revolution. By their sacrifices and martyrdom they have shown that they are people of action and there is no doubt about their good intentions and their selflessness.

If these good intentions and these clear, pure and selfless ideas, with all the power they contain, are put into action they will show a great ability and we have witnessed this in the fronts of the imposed war and in the great epics of our dear ones. We hope that the creation of a powerful security force in the internal front and the military training of these brothers will give a disciplined form to their pure and loving beliefs, and thus further reinforce their abilities, which are a base for creation of responsibility. Such support will arm them for more revolutionary duties and will improve their efficiency by [a flow] of information and power, and thus increase their responsibility. With such responsibilities, the road for the infiltration of the counterrevolutionaries in the newspapers and other vacuums caused by a lack of information and ability in the security field is closed.

NVOI QUOTES LIBYAN PAPER ON SOVIET-ARAB TIES

GF271335 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 25 Jul 82

[Unattributed commentary: "A Few Facts in the Language of AL-JAMAHIRIYAH"]

[Text] Dear listeners: The U.S. elements and enemies of popular movements and anti-imperialist movements are seeking to make use of every incident to create doubt in the public and [word indistinct].

The bloody destruction of Lebanon and the U.S.-Israeli aggression in that state have been regarded as an excuse in hand by all U.S. elements, elements linked with the United States in our region, to distract attention from their treacheries. In other words, they want to involve a state which, in the face of [word indistinct] and aggressions and in the face of conspiracies hatched by the United States and Israel, has been sincerely providing multisided support to the Arabs and the Palestinian army on various levels for years.

If lies, false claims and beating faces with slippers by these elements had only appeared in the (?press) of the conservative Arab regimes of the region, we would have probably not attached much importance to them. However, the situation has reached such a point that these lies and false claims have unfortunately also found purchasers even among those who are ready to fill their eminent begging bowls with every coin they can get.

The talk is about the relations of the Arab states with the Soviet Union. Currently, a number of the leaders of Arab regimes and their appointees have, in various shapes and forms, made the Soviet Union the target of their attacks regarding Israel's attack on Lebanon. These attacks are being made by individuals who, in the words of the president of our state, have either remained aloof or maintained their place in the bloc of world-devouring United States.

Whatever the case may be, the organ of the revolutionary committees of Libya, AL-JAMAHIRIYAH, has recently devoted one of its editorials on the matter to the discussion of certain parts of the history of Soviet-Arab relations and we are reproducing its contents here in part for the information of our dear listeners. Regarding the matter, it would be better if the facts are heard from the mouth of the clear-visioned Arabs.

In the editorial referred to, it is said that the Soviet Union has always supported in principle and action the Arab nations and their struggle in the direction of independence and freedom and has given them (?unquestionable) material and military aid. Daily AL-JAMAHIRIYAH writes that it was as a result of the effective Soviet aid that the Arab victory was assured in the 1956 war. However, the enemies of Soviet-Arab relations are seeking to use every excuse to make false accusations against the Soviet Union regarding its relations with Arab countries. For example, some of them (?write) that in a way the Arab defeat in 1967 was due to the fault of the Soviet Union and to Soviet military equipment.

Even now, they are looking for someone to blame, a so-called culprit, regarding developments in Lebanon. However, leaving aside the particular developments in Lebanon, it is not without reason that a trend has appeared in a number of Arab countries blaming the Soviet Union and counting the Soviets among the enemies of the Arab nation. AL-JAMAHIRIYAH, the organ of the revolutionary committees of Libya, further writes that these people close their eyes to the very nature of Soviet relations with Arab countries, relations which are based on mutual interest and equality of rights. This cooperation is not based on a military pact under which this or that (?line should be adopted) or (?this or) that war be (?attributed) to a certain side. Besides this, it has been established that some of them (?wrongly) assume themselves to be members of the Warsaw pact and expect that in the case of even a small threat the Soviet Union should act as a shield for them.

The organ of the revolutionary committees of Libya, AL-JAMAHIRIYAH, further writes in its editorial that before blaming the Soviet Union and its military equipment, they should be asked the following question: How trained are those who are armed with this equipment and what is their fighting spirit? Soviet military equipment has repeatedly proved its high quality in the fields of Vietnam, Kampuchea and Angola.

Instead of confusing themselves over the quality of the Soviet equipment, it would have been appropriate if the Arab soldiers had not left the Soviet equipment and all their military secrets in the hands of the enemy.

The organ of the revolutionary committees of Libya, AL-JAMAHIRIYAH, writes: "We are not pro-Soviet. Our relations with the Soviet Union are basically different than those between Israel and the United States."

The Soviet Union does not expect the smallest benefit from its cooperation with the Arab states and it does not demand military bases from them. Nor does it use their territories to station its armed forces in them.

In view of this, it is feared that a number of (?leaders) or, the actual government of any Arab country -- after accusing the Soviet Union and its [word indistinct] regarding Lebanon -- may reach a point wherefrom this or that Arab country -- after further reviewing its relations with the Soviet Union -- may fall into the lap of the United States or may lessen the importance attached to the maintenance or development of its relations with the Soviet Union. Sooner or later, such a country will join the camp of the enemies of Arabs.

Concluding its editorial, AL-JAMAHIRIYAH writes that the Palestinian Resistance movement, which has shown examples of heroism and sacrifice in July 1982, has been fighting with Soviet equipment against Israel. For this very reason, a number of Arab regimes -- in order to cover up their own dishonesty -- are once again trying to dub the Soviet Union as the defaulter in the said developments. This means that the regimes referred to, through their opportunist stand, are striking at the struggle of the Arab nation in its fight against Israeli aggression.

Such were the contents of the editorial by AL-JAMAHIRIYAH, the organ of the revolutionary committees of Libya, regarding certain aspects of the Soviet-Arab relations and the noise made by certain heads of self-selling Arab regimes in connection with the matter. It is expected that the facts which have been published in the said editorial will be helpful enough to illuminate the people who have fallen in the [word indistinct] net of the imperialist bloc.

CORRECTION TO KHOMEYNI SPEECH ON MOVE INTO IRAQ

The following correction is to be made to the item entitled "Khomeyni: Move Into Iraq Defensive Operation," which begins on page I 1 of the 26 July South Asia DAILY REPORT:

Page I 3, fifth paragraph, penultimate line, should read: "Our decision is that first Iraq should be liberated," changing country name.